

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation -- and a clear abrogation of their responsibility to serve the public.

By law, the airwaves belong to the public. They are not the personal property of some well-heeled media mogul, to be used to promote his personal political agenda. I find the report that Sinclair media is requiring their affiliates to broadcast this thinly-veiled political smear very troubling.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. I hope you will bear this (and Sinclair's earlier censorship of Nightline's tribute to our Iraq casualties) in mind when they apply for a license renewal. This is one that absolutely should not get a rubber stamp of approval. Thank you.